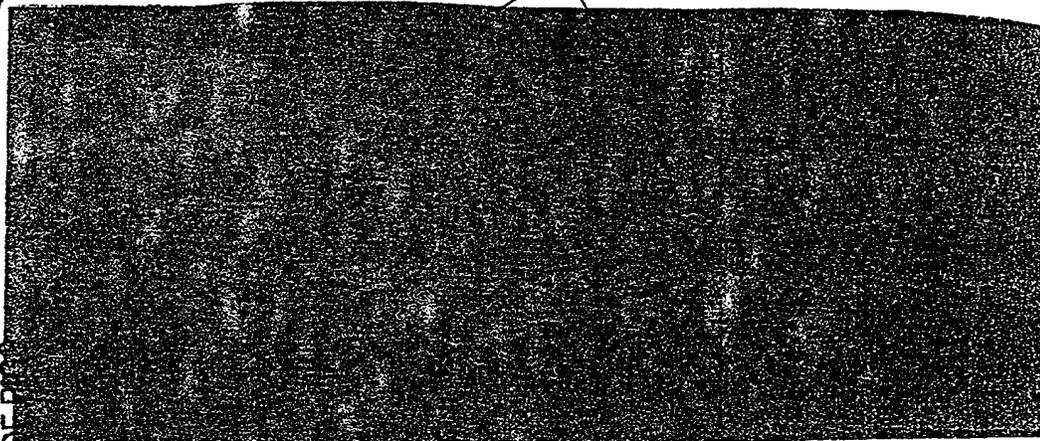


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THE SITUATION IN CUBA

Strong opposition has evidently been aroused among some of Fidel Castro's trusted officials by his support of leftists and pro-Communists in the Cuban Government. Huber Matos, one of Castro's top lieutenants during the fight against Batista, resigned as governor of Camaguey Province this week because of his conviction that extremists led by Raul Castro and "Che" Guevara are now firmly in control of the Castro regime. Under his governorship Camaguey has been the province least penetrated by Communists, but recently a known leftist was named agrarian reform delegate to Camaguey with particularly broad powers. It was his accusations which brought Matos' resignation. There have been reports of dissatisfaction over Communist influence by other provincial officials.

but none has taken a public stand.

Fidel Castro's violent reaction to the situation indicates his probable fear that some middle-class groups which supported the revolution but are now disenchanted by its excesses might rally to the popular and respected Matos. The prime minister personally supervised his arrest on charges of high treason and aroused



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GUEVARA

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the local residents against Matos, whose character and motives he savagely maligned, and against students and others who had already come out in support of the ousted governor.

Castro seems increasingly infuriated by any criticism or failure to agree with him. He appeared to be in a highly emotional and aggressive state

during an unexpected TV speech on 19 October when he again lashed out against alleged opponents of the revolution in a strongly anti-US speech. He vehemently endorsed his brother Raul and Guevara as true exponents on whom he relied to carry out the revolution, "whatever happens." [REDACTED]

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